GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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NEW AUTO FUEL POLICY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the R.A. Mashalkar Committee on Auto Fuel Policy submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the recommendation made by the Committee;

(c) whether the Government have examined the recommendations;

(d) if so, the response and action taken by Government on the recommendations;

(b) whether the Government propose to implement New Auto Fuel Policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the New Policy is in consonance with the direction given recently by the Supreme Court on the introduction of Euro-II, III or IV technology; and

(h) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the variation between the two?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (f): Based on the recommendations of the Experts Committee, headed by Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, the Governement have finalized the Auto Fuel Policy for the entire country. The policy interalia, lays down a clear cut road map for changes in fuel quality and vehicular technology to attain a given level of emission, besides prescribing ways and means to reduce pollution from in-use vehicles. The concerned Ministries/ Departments of Government of India will be implementing the policy decisions falling within their purview.

(g)&(h): The Supreme Court of India has directed that action plan be formulated for reduction of pollution levels incities equally or more polluted than Delhi. The Auto Fuel Policy addresses issues related to vehicle technology and fuel quality.